

Remarks

Claims 1 to 40 are now in the application. Claims 23 to 40 have been added.

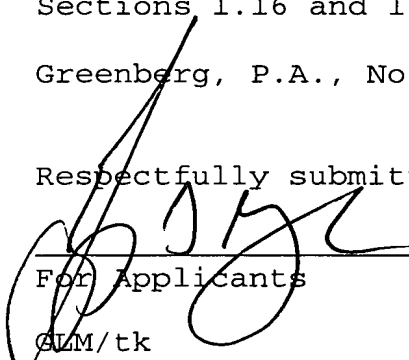
The purpose of the preliminary amendment is to correct clerical errors in the specification and to add new claims 23 to 40. The newly entered claims are fully supported in the original claims. No new matter has been added.

An early action on the merits of the application is solicited.

The fees for seventeen (17) additional claims in excess of twenty and two (2) additional independent claims in excess of three in the amount of \$474.00 in accordance with Section 1.17 are enclosed herewith.

Please charge any fees that might be due with respect to Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner and Greenberg, P.A., No. 12-1099.

Respectfully submitted,


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